

***Business Area #5:
Cambridgeport/Riverside***

Boundaries: bordered by Franklin Street, Cross Street, the B&A Railroad right of way, the Charles River, Flagg Street and Putnam Avenue

Major areas of Business/Retail/Industrial Concentration include: all businesses between 550 and 900 Memorial Drive, all industrial, retail and restaurants on Brookline, Pearl, Magazine, River and Western to the south of Franklin Street.



Memorial Drive/Lower Cambridgeport

The Cambridgeport/Riverside business area was hit with a series of late-night gas station robberies in 2001. However, since an arrest was made in that series, there has not been a **commercial robbery** reported in Business District #5 in over twenty months.? The three **commercial burglaries** in this district between January and June were an eclectic grouping that included a boathouse, school and gas station. There has not been a commercial burglary pattern in this area since the arrests of two professional burglars that were targeting construction site gang boxes in lower Cambridgeport in 1997.? Professional pickpockets seldom work the restaurants and hotels of Cambridgeport/Riverside. There were only two **larcenies from persons** reported in this area over the first two quarters of 2003 and both involved the theft of shoppers' purses from shopping carts.? Historically, **shoplifting** has never been a problem in this area. Internal security measures at major retailers along Memorial Drive have further reduced this type of theft. There were two, unrelated shopliftings recorded over the first two quarters of 2003 in Cambridgeport/Riverside. ? **Larceny from buildings** (-30%) usually falls into three distinct scenarios in this business district: the theft of wallets and personal items from health clubs and hotel rooms; food and liquor pilfered from grocery and hotel storage areas; and the theft of laptops from hi-tech offices on weekends with cleaning crews the major suspects. The internal security precautions of the numerous medical and research businesses in this area has been successful in deterring the professional laptop thief.

CRIME	2 nd Quarter 2002	2 nd Quarter 2003	%CHANGE
Larceny from Building	10	7	-30%
Larceny from Person	4	2	*Inc.
Commercial Burglary	4	3	*Inc.
Commercial Robbery	0	0	*Inc.
Shoplifting	3	2	*Inc.
Fraud/Flim Flam/Counterfeiting	10	6	-40%

*Note: percentages are not calculated for numbers so small as to lead to a statistically misleading percentage.